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Dr. C. T. Rumbold
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Dear Miss Rumbold:

I am interested to know about the American chestnut trees growing in central Wisconsin. I had an idea that the climate there was a bit too severe for them to reach any large size. We would appreciate having the name and address of the owner of the trees for our files as we are trying to keep records on unusual chestnut plantings and sometimes we make use of such records for securing seeds.

I would advise the owner of the trees to keep watch of them for infections of the chestnut blight. As you know, the disease has a way of finding out isolated trees far away from the main stand. This has been the case up along the northern range of the tree and in Indiana and Illinois. If the trees are highly valued it is not so difficult to cut out infections successfully and so save them indefinitely. The number of new infections which are likely to get in at that distance is very, very limited.

Sincerely,

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